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**“Covering”**

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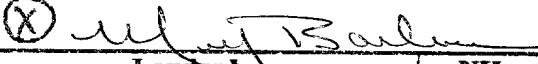
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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Michael Bourbeau

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Title: "Covering"

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